Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Correa (Chair), Cedillo, Chavez, Koretz, Matthews, Nation, Shelley, and Wesson)

February 20, 2001

An act to amend Sections 2535.2, 2684, 2892.1, 2984, 3147, 3524, 4545, 4841.5, 4842.2, 4843.5, 4883, 4901, 5680.1, 7581, 7725.2, 7881, 8024.2, 9746, 9801, and 9833 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

- AB 446, as introduced, Committee on Business and Professions. Professions and vocations.
- (1) Existing law provides for the licensure of persons in various professions and vocations and requires payment of a renewal fee upon the renewal of an expired license. Under existing law, these renewal fees are deposited into funds that are continuously appropriated.

This bill would require, instead, that all accrued and unpaid renewal fees be paid at the time of renewal of an expired license. Because this bill would increase the amount of renewal fees paid into a number of continuously appropriated funds, the bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law establishes the Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee Fund.

This bill would change the name of that fund to the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee Fund.

(3) The Private Security Services Act authorizes the Director of Consumer Affairs to enforce and administer its provisions, and

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authorizes the director to adopt and enforce reasonable rules in connection with this function, including establishing the qualifications a uniformed employee of a licensee who operates as a private patrol operator is required to meet as a condition of handling guide dogs.

This bill would delete this particular provision from the rules that the director is authorized to adopt and enforce.

(4) The Electronic and Appliance Repair Dealer Registration Law provides for the registration and regulation of service dealers, a business which includes the repairing, servicing, or maintaining of an electronic set. Under that law, an electronic set is defined as including various types of electronic equipment, including cellular telephones.

This bill would delete cellular telephones from the list of equipment included in the definition of an electronic set.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2535.2 of the Business and Professions 2 Code is amended to read:
- 2 2535.2. Except as provided in Section 2535.3 2535.4, a
- 4 license which that has expired may be renewed at any time within
- 5 five years after its expiration upon filing of an application for
- 6 renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of the
- 7 renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date all accrued
- 8 and unpaid renewal fees. If the license is not renewed on or before
- 9 its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal,
- 10 shall also pay the prescribed delinquency fee. Renewal under this
- section shall be effective on the date on which the application is
- 12 filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or
- 13 on the date on which the delinquency fee is paid, whichever last
- occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through
- 15 the expiration date provided in Section 2535, after the effective
- 16 date of the renewal, when it shall expire and become invalid if it
- 17 is not again renewed.
- SEC. 2. Section 2684 of the Business and Professions Code
- 19 is amended to read:
- 20 2684. (a) Notwithstanding Section 2422, any license or
- 21 approval for the practice of physical therapy shall expire at 12
- 22 midnight on the last day of the birth month of the licensee or holder

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of an approval during the second year of a two-year term, if not renewed.

- (b) To renew an unexpired license or approval, the licensee or the holder of an approval shall, on or before the dates on which it would otherwise expire, apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay the prescribed renewal fee.
- (c) A license that has expired may be renewed within five years of its expiration upon payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees.
- SEC. 3. Section 2892.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
 - 2892.1. Except as provided in Sections 2892.3 and 2892.5, an expired license may be renewed at any time within four years after its expiration upon filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, payment of the renewal fee in effect on the date the application for renewal is filed all accrued and unpaid renewal fees, and payment of any fees due pursuant to Section 2895.1.

If the license is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 2892 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

- SEC. 4. Section 2984 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 2984. Except as provided in Section 2985, a license which that has expired may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the license is renewed after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the prescribed delinquency fee, if any. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on

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which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the expiration date provided in Section 2982 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire and become invalid if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 5. Section 3147 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3147. Except as otherwise provided by Section 114 of this code, an expired certificate may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and payment of 150 percent of the renewal fee, but not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) in excess of the renewal fee all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the certificate is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the certificate holder as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the accrued renewal fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 3146 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not renewed.

A certificate which that, under the law in effect before October 1, 1961, became suspended because of the failure of its holder to renew it, shall, for the purposes of this article, be considered to have expired on the date that it became suspended.

SEC. 6. Section 3524 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

3524. A license or approval which that has expired may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration by filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the committee or board, as the case may be, and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the preceding regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the license or approval is not renewed within 30 days after its expiration, the licensed physician assistant and approved supervising physician, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the prescribed delinquency fee, if any. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is

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fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever occurs last. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the expiration date provided in Section 3522 or 3523 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire, if it is not again renewed.

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39 40 SEC. 7. Section 4545 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

4545. Except as provided in Section 4545.2, a license which that has expired may be renewed at any time within four years after its expiration on filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the date the application for renewal was filed all accrued and unpaid renewal fees, and payment of all fees required by this chapter. If the license is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the holder, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 4544 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

A certificate which that was forfeited for failure to renew under the law in effect before October 1, 1961, shall, for the purposes of this article, be considered to have expired on the date that it became forfeited.

- SEC. 8. Section 4841.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4841.5. To be eligible to take the written and practical examination for registration as a registered veterinary technician, the applicant shall:
 - (a) Be at least 18 years of age.
- (b) Furnish satisfactory evidence of graduation from, at minimum, a two-year curriculum in veterinary technology, in a college or other postsecondary institution approved by the board, or the equivalent thereof as determined by the board. In the case of a private postsecondary institution, the institution shall also be approved by the Council Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

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1 SEC. 9. Section 4842.2 of the Business and Professions Code 2 is amended to read:

- 4842.2. (a) Commencing July 1, 1998, all funds collected by the board under this article shall be deposited in the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund.
- (b) All unappropriated funds existing in the Registered Veterinary Technician Examining Committee Fund on July 1, 1998, shall be transferred to the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund.
- (c) This section shall become operative July 1, 1998. Technician Examining Committee Fund on July 1, 1998, shall be transferred to the Veterinary Medical Board Contingent Fund.
 - (c) This section shall become operative July 1, 1998.
- SEC. 10. Section 4843.5 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4843.5. Except as otherwise provided in this article, an expired certificate of registration may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the certificate of registration is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the registrant, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this article. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever occurs last.
- SEC. 11. Section 4883 of the Business and Professions Code 29 is amended to read:
 - The board may deny, revoke, or suspend a license or assess a fine as provided in Section 4875 for any of the following:
 - (a) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of veterinary medicine, surgery, or dentistry, in which case the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence.
 - (b) For having professional connection with, or lending one's name to, any illegal practitioner of veterinary medicine and the various branches thereof.
- 39 (c) Violation or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, any 40 of the provisions of this chapter.

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(d) Fraud or dishonesty in applying, treating, or reporting on tuberculin or other biological tests.

- (e) Employment of anyone but a veterinarian licensed in the state to demonstrate the use of biologics in the treatment of animals.
 - (f) False or misleading advertising.

- (g) Unprofessional conduct, that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (1) Conviction of a charge of violating any federal statutes or rules or any statute or rule of this state, regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The board may order the license suspended or revoked, or assess a fine, or decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.
- (2) (A) The use of or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, any controlled substance.
- (B) The use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4211 4022, or of alcoholic beverages to the extent, or in any manner as to be dangerous or injurious to a person licensed under this chapter, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person so licensed to conduct with safety the practice authorized by the license.
- (C) The conviction of more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section or any combination thereof, and the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence.

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The board may order the license suspended or revoked or assess a fine, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is AB 446 — 8 —

1 made suspending imposition of sentence, irrespective of a 2 subsequent order under Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing 3 the person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea 4 of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the 5 accusation, information, or indictment.

- (3) A violation of any federal statute, rule, or regulation or any of the statutes, rules, or regulations of this state regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances.
- (h) Failure to keep one's premises and all equipment therein in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (i) Fraud, deception, negligence, or incompetence in the practice of veterinary medicine.
- (j) Aiding or abetting in any acts that are in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.
- (k) The employment of fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in obtaining the license.
- (*l*) The revocation, suspension, or other discipline by another state or territory of a license or certificate to practice veterinary medicine in that state or territory.
- (m) Cruelty to animals, conviction on a charge of cruelty to animals, or both.
- (n) Disciplinary action taken by any public agency in any state or territory for any act substantially related to the practice of veterinary medicine.
- (o) Violation, or the assisting or abetting violation, of any regulations adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.
- SEC. 12. Section 4901 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 4901. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, an expired license may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration on filing of *an* application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the license is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall

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continue in effect through the expiration date provided in Section 4900 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 13. Section 5680.1 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

5680.1. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a license which that has expired may be renewed at any time within three years after its expiration on filing of application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board, and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the license is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the licenseholder, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 5680 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 14. Section 7581 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7581. The director may adopt and enforce reasonable rules, as follows:

- (a) Classifying licensees according to the type of business regulated by this chapter in which they are engaged, including, but not limited to, persons employed by any lawful business as security guards or patrolpersons, and armored contract carriers and limiting the field and scope of the operations of a licensee to those in which he or she is classified and qualified to engage.
- (b) Fixing the qualifications of licensees and managers, in addition to those prescribed in this chapter, necessary to promote and protect the public welfare.
- (c) Carrying out generally the provisions of this chapter, including regulation of the conduct of licensees.
- (d) Establishing the qualifications which that any person employed by a private patrol operator or any lawful business as a security guard or patrolperson, or employed by an armored contract carrier, must meet as a condition of becoming eligible to

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carry firearms pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 12031 of the Penal Code.

- (e) Requiring each uniformed employee of a private patrol operator and each armored vehicle guard, as defined in this chapter, and any other person employed and compensated by a private patrol operator or any lawful business as a security guard or patrolperson and who in the course of this employment carries a deadly weapon to be registered with the bureau upon application on a form prescribed by the director accompanied by the registration fee and by two classifiable sets of fingerprints of the applicant or its equivalent as determined by the director and approved by the Department of Justice; establishing the term of the registration for a period of not less than two nor more than four years;, and providing for the renewal thereof upon proper application and payment of the renewal fee. The director may, after opportunity for a hearing, refuse this registration to any person who lacks good moral character, and may impose reasonable additional requirements as are necessary to meet local needs and that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.
- (f) Establishing procedures whereby the local authorities of any city, county, or city and county may file charges with the director alleging that any registered security guard or patrolperson, or anyone who is an applicant for registration, with the bureau fails to meet standards for registration, and providing further for the investigation of the charges.
- (g) Requiring private patrol operators and any lawful business to maintain detailed records identifying all firearms in their possession or under their control, and the employees or persons authorized to carry or have access to such firearms.
- (h) Establishing the qualifications which a uniformed employee of a licensee who operates as a private patrol operator must meet as a condition of handling guard dogs.
- SEC. 15. Section 7725.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 7725.2. Except as otherwise provided in this article, a license which that has expired may be renewed at any time within five years after its expiration on filing of an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the bureau and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid

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renewal fees. If the license is not renewed within 30 days after its expiration the licensee, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the license shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 7725 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

If a license is not renewed within one year following its expiration, the bureau may require as a condition of renewal that the holder of the license pass an examination on the appropriate subjects provided by this chapter.

SEC. 16. Section 7881 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

7881. Except as otherwise provided in this article, certificates of registration as a geologist or as a geophysicist, or certified specialty certificates, may be renewed at any time within five years after expiration on filing an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and payment of the renewal fee in effect on the last preceding regular renewal date all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. If the certificate is renewed more than 30 days after its expiration, the certificate holder, as a condition precedent to renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee prescribed by this chapter. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the application is filed, on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 7880 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

SEC. 17. Section 8024.2 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

8024.2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a certificate which that has expired may be renewed at any time within the period set forth in Section 8024.5 by doing all of the following:

(1) Apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board.

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(2) Pay the renewal fee prescribed by this chapter all accrued and unpaid renewal fees.

- (3) Notify the board whether he or she has been convicted of any felony, any crime substantially related to the functions and duties of a court reporter, or any disciplinary action taken by any regulatory or licensing board in this or any other state, subsequent to the licensee's last renewal.
- (b) If the certificate is not renewed within 30 days after its expiration, the certificate holder, as a condition precedent to 10 renewal, shall also pay the delinquency fee set forth in Section 163.5. Renewal under this section shall be effective on the date on which the all renewal fee is fees are paid, or on the date on which the delinquency fee, if any, is paid, whichever last occurs. If so renewed, the certificate shall continue in effect through the date provided in Section 8024 which that next occurs after the effective date of the renewal, when it shall expire if it is not again renewed.

The certificate shall not be renewed if the certificate holder has failed to pay monetary sanctions identified in subdivision (g) of Section 8025.

- SEC. 18. Section 9746 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- All cremated remains disposer registrations shall expire at midnight on September 30th of each year. A person desiring to renew his or her registration shall file an application for renewal on a form prescribed by the bureau accompanied by the required fee. A registration that has expired may be renewed within five years of its expiration upon payment of all accrued and unpaid renewal fees. The bureau shall not renew the registration of any person who has not filed the required annual report until he or she has filed a complete annual report with the department.
- SEC. 19. Section 9801 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- The following terms as used in this chapter have the meaning expressed in this section:
- (a) "Person" includes a firm, partnership, association, limited 35 liability company, or corporation. 36
- 37 (b) "Department" means the Department of Consumer 38 Affairs.
 - (c) "Director" means the Director of Consumer Affairs.

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(d) "Bureau" means the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair.

- (e) "Chief" means the Chief of the Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair.
- (f) "Service dealer" means a person who, for compensation, engages in, or holds himself or herself out to the public as offering services in the business of:
- (1) Repairing, servicing, or maintaining an electronic set normally used or sold for personal, family, household, or home office use.
- (2) Installing, repairing, servicing, or maintaining equipment or a burglar alarm system for use in private motor vehicles.
- (3) Installing, repairing, servicing, or maintaining television or radio receiver antennas, rotators, and accessories or direct satellite signal receiving equipment located on or adjacent to a residence and not involving a function which that is subject to and regulated under the provisions of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000).
 - (4) Repairing, servicing, or maintaining major appliances.
- (g) "Equipment" for the purposes of this chapter means an electronic set, appliance, antenna, rotator, and accessories.
- (h) "Electronic set" includes, but is not limited to, any television, radio, audio or video recorder or playback equipment, video camera, video game, video monitor, computer system, photocopier, *or* facsimile machine, or cellular telephone normally used or sold for personal, family, household, or home office use.
- (i) "Appliance" or "major home appliance" includes, but is not limited to, any refrigerator, freezer, range, microwave oven, washer, dryer, dishwasher, trash compactor, or room air-conditioner normally used or sold for personal, family, household, or home office use, or for use in private motor vehicles.
- (j) "Antenna" includes, but is not limited to, a resonant device designed especially for the purpose of capturing electromagnetic energy transmitted by direct satellite or commercial radio or television broadcasting facilities. An antenna, and its associated accessories, is not deemed to be a part of a set, and shall be considered, under this section, to be located outside or in the attic of a residence.
- (k) "Rotator," when used in connection with an antenna installation or repair, includes, but is not limited to, an

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electromechanical device operated from a remote location to rotate an antenna on a horizontal plane. A rotator and its associated accessories is not deemed to be a part of a set and shall be considered under this section, with the exception of the directional control unit, to be located outside or in the attic of a residence.

- (*l*) "Accessories," when used in connection with an antenna or rotator installation or repair, includes, but is not limited to, masts, towers, clamps, guy wires, eye hooks, standoff insulators, roof saddles, vent pipe mounts, chimney mount kits, signal amplifiers/boosters, multiset couplers, transmission lines, control cables, directional control units, and other devices as may be used from time to time to effect installation or repair.
- (m) "Computer system" includes, but is not limited to, a central processing unit which that performs data manipulation functions, and any associated peripheral devices, including, but not limited to, keyboards, display terminals, printers, or disk drives.
- (n) "Video game" includes, but is not limited to, any electronic amusement device which that utilizes a computer, microprocessor, or similar electronic circuitry and its own cathode ray tube or a television set or a monitor.
- (o) "Direct satellite signal receiving equipment" includes, but is not limited to, receivers, down converters, amplifiers, and audio or video processors related to the reception of audio, video, or data signals broadcasted or rebroadcasted by communication satellites located in space.
- (p) "Electronic repair industry" means those activities defined in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subdivision (f).
- (q) "Appliance repair industry" means those activities defined in paragraph (4) of subdivision (f).
- SEC. 20. Section 9833 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:
- 9833. A registration registrant shall eease to be valid if the service dealer fails to notify the bureau in writing, within 30 days, of any change to the information provided by the form specified in Section 9830. The A service dealer shall not be required to notify the bureau of employee changes. The director shall make regulations prescribing the procedure for keeping such the registration information current.

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